

CHARTER
STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH
AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program Scientific Advisory Board.
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2904(a) the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall jointly establish a Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program Scientific Advisory Board (hereafter referred to as the Board). The Board, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2904, shall operate and comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended).

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2902 and 10 U.S.C. § 2904(e), the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program Council (hereafter referred to as the Council) shall refer to the Board, and the Board shall review, each proposed research project including its estimated cost, for research in and development of technologies related to environmental activities in excess of \$1,000,000. Notwithstanding, the Council, in an effort to enhance the Board's review process, subsequently lowered the Board's dollar threshold to any proposed research projects in excess of \$900,000. The Board shall make any recommendations to the Council that the Board considers appropriate regarding such project or proposal.

The Board may make recommendations to the Council regarding technologies, research, projects, programs, activities, and, if appropriate, funding within the scope of the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program. In addition, the Board shall assist and advise the Council in identifying the environmental data and analytical assistance activities that should be covered by the policies and procedures prescribed pursuant to section 2902(d)(1) of title 10 United States Code.

- C. Board Membership: The Board, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2904(a), shall be comprised of not less than six and not more than 14 members. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2904(b), the Board membership shall be comprised of the following:
- a. Permanent members of the Board – the Science Advisor to the President, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or their designees;
 - b. One member of the Board shall be a representative of environmental public interest groups; and
 - c. One member shall be a representative of the interests of State governments.

Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2904(b)(3), the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall request that the:

- a. Head of the National Academy of Science, in consultation with the head of the National Academy of Engineering and the head of the Institutes of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, nominate persons for appointment to the Board;
- b. Council of Environmental Quality nominate for appointment to the Board at least one person who is a representative of environmental public interest groups; and
- c. National Association of Governors nominate for appointment to the Board at least one person who is a representative of the interests of State governments.

With the exception of the permanent Board members, Board members, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2904(b)(2), shall be appointed from among person eminent in the fields of basic sciences, engineering, ocean and environmental sciences, education, research management, international and security affairs, health physics, health sciences, or social sciences, with due regard given to the equitable representation of scientists and engineers who are women or who represent minority groups.

The Board, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2904(d), shall develop procedures for the annual election of the Board's chairperson.

Board members, who are not full-time Federal officers or employees, shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense for terms of not less than two and not more than four years, and they shall serve as Special Government Employees.

Board members who are Federal officers or employees shall serve without compensation (other than compensation to which they are entitled to as a Federal officer or employee). All Board members shall receive compensation for travel and per diem for official Board travel.

- D. Board Meetings: The Board shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Co-Chairpersons. Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2904(d), the estimated number of Board meetings is 4 per year.

The Designated Federal Officer shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. In addition, the Designated Federal Officer shall attend all Board and subcommittee meetings.

The Board shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the

Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and other appropriate Federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any Federal officers or employees who are not Board members.

- E. Duration of the Board: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.
- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Science and Technology), shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended.
- G. Termination Date: The Board shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this Charter is filed whichever is sooner or unless it is extended by the Secretary of Defense.
- H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Board shall be \$329,700.00. The estimated annual personnel costs to the Department of Defense are 0.8 full-time equivalents.
- I. Charter Filed: July 13, 2007